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U.S. Embassy and National Blood Center Partner to Organize Community Blood Drive

In partnership with the National Blood Center, the Medical Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon organized a blood drive on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Twenty-three Embassy staff members donated blood in remembrance of the recent ten-year anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001.

After the attacks in 2001, Americans lined up at blood banks to give blood because they knew that blood supplies for the victims would be in urgent need in the wake of this tragedy. It was a tangible way that Americans could help meet one of the critical needs of those hurt in the attacks.

Blood donation continues to serve as a meaningful way to commemorate this tragic day in America's history by helping to save the lives of those in need. The Embassy community chose to donate blood as a way to help people in Rangoon and local communities who are sick or injured. Blood donation truly is a "gift of life" that a healthy individual can give to others in their community. In the space of one hour, a person can donate one unit of blood which is able to save multiple lives.

The Embassy thanks Dr. Thida Aung of the National Blood Center for her support in making this blood drive a success.

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